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FORTY-FOURTH STORY

HEY!!
UHACK!
SLIP
GRAB
AACK!
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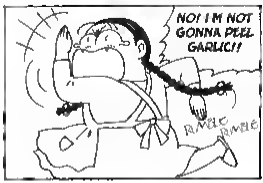
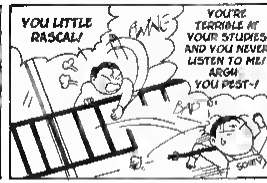
DAMN!
GRRRR

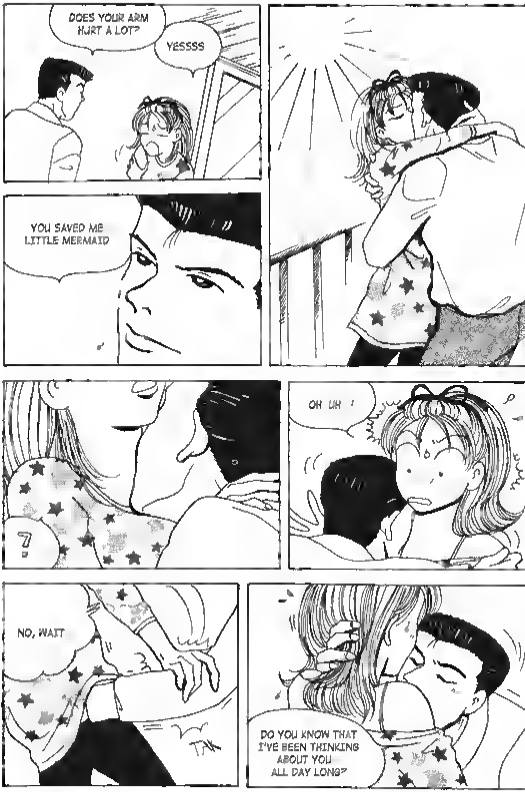
I THOUGHT MY ARM WAS GOING TO FALL OFF!
PHEW

HEY! GET YOUR BUTT OVER HERE!


NO! I'M NOT GONNA PEEL GARLIC!!
RAMEN
RAMEN


YOU LITTLE RASCAL!
RAMEN
YOU'RE TERRIBLE AT YOUR STUDIES AND YOU NEVER LISTEN TO ME! ARGH YOU PEST~!
BAP
SORRY

COME ON UP!
OKAY...


DOES YOUR ARM HURT A LOT?
YESSSS
YOU SAVED ME LITTLE MERMAID
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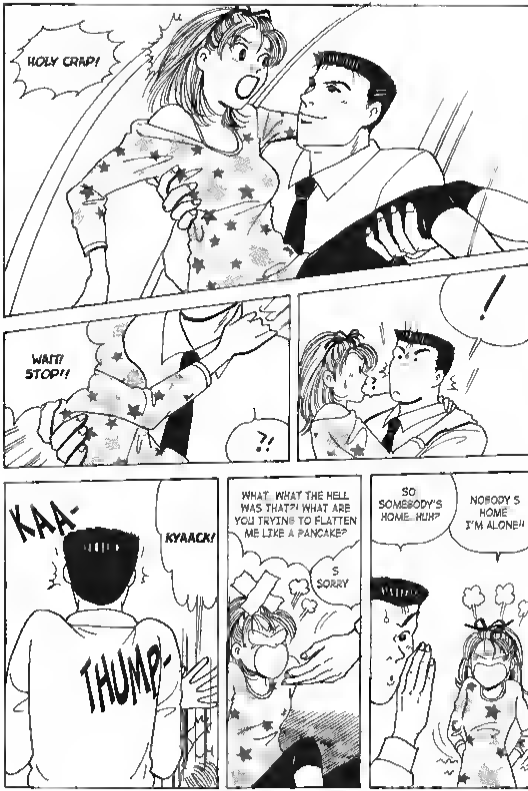
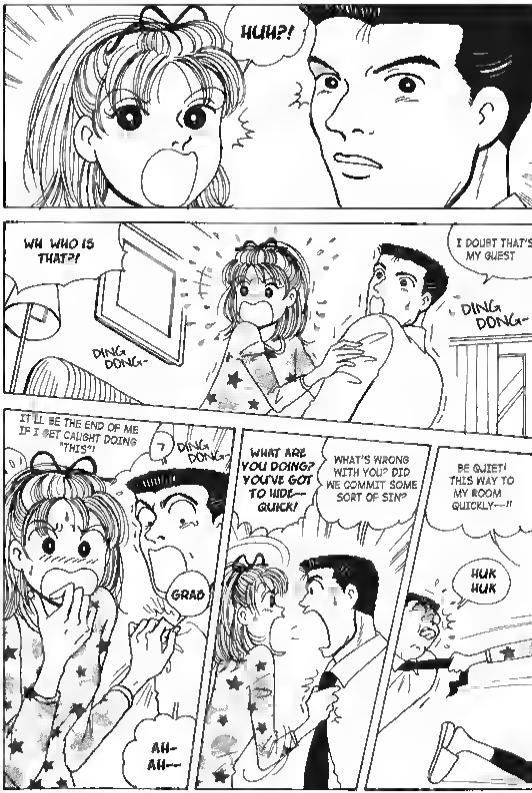
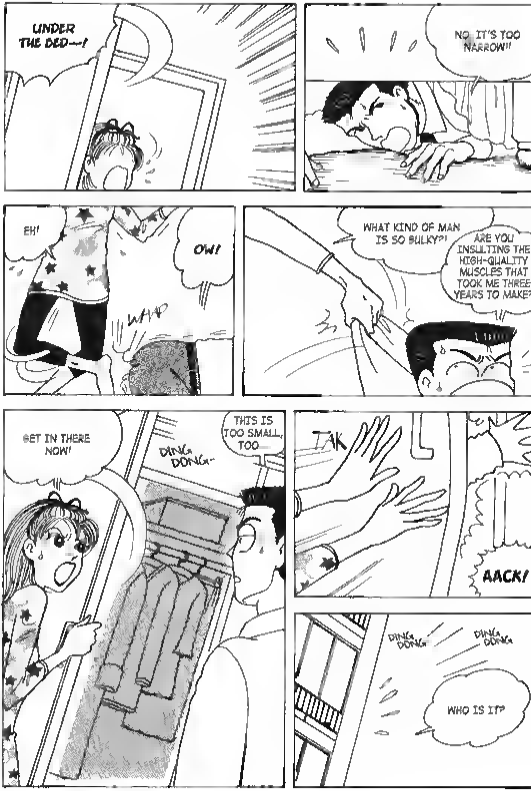
OH UH !
NO, WAIT
TAK
DO YOU KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOU ALL DAY LONG?


HOLY CRAP!
WAIT! STOP!!
?!
!
KAA-
KYAACK!
THUMP-
WHAT...WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO FLATTEN ME LIKE A PANCAKE?
S SORRY
SO SOMEBODY'S HOME...HUH?
NOBODY'S HOME! I'M ALONE!!

GEEZ YOU SCARED THE HECK OUT OF ME!
LOOK HERE!
SHH~
MMMM~~
WAIT!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHAT?
HOW CAN YOU ASK THAT?
SO EMBARRASSING...
I GET IT THAT YOU'RE COMPLETELY HEAD-OVER-HEELS FOR ME AND THAT YOU ONLY THINK ABOUT ME DAY AND NIGHT!
BUT! THAT'S NOT THE CASE WITH ME AT ALL!
HMPH

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? I THOUGHT WE'D BECOME LOVERS?
DO YOU MEAN WE'VE BECOME LOVERS AFTER ONE KISS AND A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS? NO WAY!
I SEE!
PAT
!
I CLEARLY UNDERSTAND I'VE BEEN RUDE
NO! I MEAN---
DING DONG-
BOI


HUH?!
WH WHO IS THAT?!
DING DONG-
DING DONG-
I DOUBT THAT'S MY GUEST
DING DONG-
IT'LL BE THE END OF ME IF I GET CAUGHT DOING "THIS"!
DING DONG-
GRAB
AH-AH--
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'VE GOT TO HIDE--QUICK!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? DID WE COMMIT SOME SORT OF SIN?
BE QUIET! THIS WAY TO MY ROOM QUICKLY--!!
HUK HUK


UNDER THE BED---!
NO, IT'S TOO NARROW!!
EH!
OW!
WHAT KIND OF MAN IS SO BULKY?!
ARE YOU INSULTING THE HIGH-QUALITY MUSCLES THAT TOOK ME THREE YEARS TO MAKE?
GET IN THERE NOW!
DONGA DONGA-
THIS IS TOO SMALL, TOO...
TAK
AACK!
DONGA DONGA
DONGA DONGA
WHO IS IT?

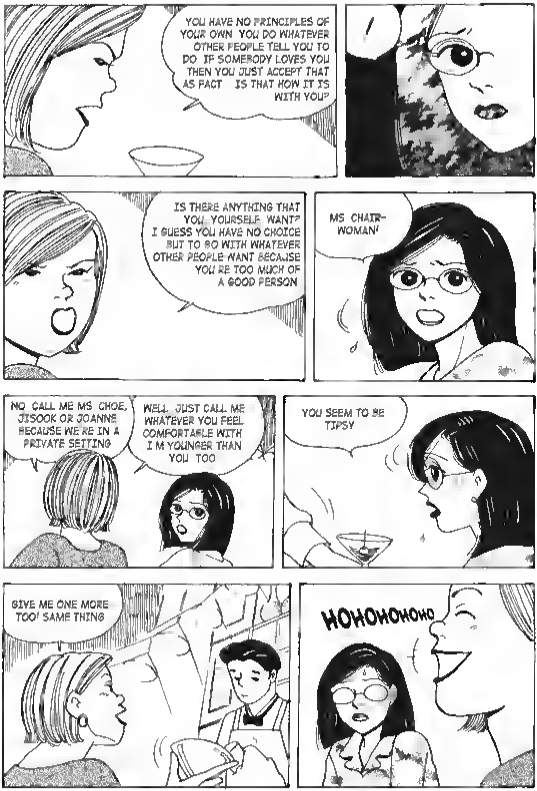
IT'S YOUR GRANNY--!
YIKES!
WHO ARE YOU?
HUH? ISN'T THIS SORONG'S HOME?
NO
HOLY SHNIKES! I GUESS I TOOK THE BLE ERB EREVOTOR TO THE WRONG FLOOR AGAIN--
AARH-- WHAT A CRAZY OLD BAT !
SORRY YOU OLD MAID!
CRACK
?
!
IT'S NOBODY
SIGH--

HMM...
THIS IS LIKE THE INSIDE OF A TOWER
OF THE EXILED PRINCESS
TOWER
WHAT?
NOTHING
THAT'S A CUTE BED
I CHOSE A COMPACT SIZE TO MATCH UP WITH THE WAY THE ECONOMY'S GOING. HAH!
WOULD YOU LIKE A CUP OF TEA?
CAN YOU MAKE IT AN ESPRESSO? EVERY MORNING I
GRIND SIXTY COFFEE BEANS AND DRINK THEM JUST LIKE THE COFFEE BEETHOVEN USED TO DRINK
I'M SORRY BUT MY TEMPERAMENT ONLY ALLOWS ME TO COUNT UP TO TEN
SO IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN ONLY MAKE YOU COFFEE-FLAVORED WATER
PONK

MR. CHOI
HE'S ALIVE
PHEW
ARE YOU GUYS FINISHING U ?
!

RING
RING
RING
CHAIRWOMAN
THANK YOU FOR COMING. PLEASE HAVE A SEAT

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO ANOTHER PLACE AND HAVE DINNER FIRST?
NO
I'D LIKE A DRINK TOO, PLEASE
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
UM, I'LL HAVE THE SAME...
THE SAME THING PLEASE!
SURE!
IT'S A HARD LIQUOR CALLED ABSINTHE
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT IS DO YOU ALWAYS ACT THAT WAY WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW?
IT DOESN'T FIT YOU MS YOON


YOU HAVE NO PRINCIPLES OF YOUR OWN. YOU DO WHATEVER OTHER PEOPLE TELL YOU TO DO. IF SOMEBODY LOVES YOU THEN YOU JUST ACCEPT THAT AS FACT. IS THAT HOW IT IS WITH YOU?
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IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU, YOURSELF, WANT? I GUESS YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO WITH WHATEVER OTHER PEOPLE WANT BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD PERSON.
MS. CHAIRWOMAN!
NO. CALL ME MS. CHOE, JISOOK OR JOANNE. BECAUSE WE'RE IN A PRIVATE SETTING.
WELL, JUST CALL ME WHATEVER YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH. I'M YOUNGER THAN YOU, TOO.
YOU SEEM TO BE TIPSY.
GIVE ME ONE MORE, TOO! SAME THING.
HOHOHOHOHO

DO YOU LOVE MY FATHER?
I ASKED
DO YOU
LOVE HIM?!
NO...
THEN WHY DOES MY FATHER THINK SO?
IF YOU'RE CRITICIZING ME FOR NOT HAVING A CLEAR STANCE I APOLOGIZE
FUMBLE
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MEET HIM AND TELL HIM THAT YOURSELF?
SORRY?